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Duxbury in 1898

(Some of the following information is from A Trip Around Cape Cod, written by E.G. Perry in 1898.-Ed.)

The Village Store was then the "Duxbury Pharmacy," owned by Nelson M. Stetson, who sold "fine stationery, imported cigars, and Baker's Confectionery, besides the usual line of drugs, medicines, toilet articles, etc." Stetson sold out to the late Paul Peterson.

On the corner of Sunset Rd. and Washington St., the house now owned by Edward Conathan was "The St. Georg House." "This beautifully located house," writes Perry, "stands in the center of the village, only a short walk from the beach. Rooms large and airy, wide verandas, fine lawn, and nice stable connected with the House. At this Hotel the proprietor always makes it a point to have the people well pleased. Terms reasonable, and special rates by the season. Catering for parties or private families." The proprietor was George W. Scott.

The "Windsor & Peterson" store, now the residence of Mr. and Mrs. Walter Prince, Washington St., offered "Choice Family Groceries" in '98.. "Our customers will always find in this store a full and complete line of Foreign and Domestic Groceries. This is one of the oldest and most central stores in Duxbury, and our aim is to be up to the times and in the swim. We make a specialty of having in stock the famous Diamond Butter."

"The Myles Standish Hotel" on Standish Shore, open from June to October, boasted "The finest hotel golf-links in New England." Says Perry: "The most charming seaside resort in historic Plymouth County, only 39 miles from Boston; recognized everywhere as one of the most beautifully situated, superbly equipped and successfully managed hotels on the continent. The patronage is of the best, and the attractions are without limit. Every detail of indoor entertainment and outdoor sport is carried to complete perfection." The manager was Raymond Covert and the owners were L. Boyer's Sons, 90 Wall St., N.Y. Half of the hotel is now Howard Brewer's summer home. The other half was owned by Mrs. J. Anderson Lord. The present owner, Fanueil Adams, has moved it near the water next to its original site.